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efficiency in the individual and to provide adequate relief for those who are of deficient wage-earning capacity (p. 1). This is the "social economic" definition, but it does not cover the entire aim of philanthropy. Large and fine as is the outlook of this lecture, it lacks something of complete analysis of the aim of charity. "Industrial efficiency" itself depends as the author himself appreciates, upon the awakening of desires for a fuller, richer life, and hope to attain them. The treatment is, indeed, broader than the definition; the spirit of the author is wider than the programme he outlines; and the lectures which will follow will pass beyond the territory which can be accurately named "economics."

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Annual Report of the Superintendent of Compulsory Education.

Board of Education of Chicago, 1906.

This brief report is unusually instructive in relation to the causes of truancy and the efficiency of the work of truant officers, parental school, and juvenile court.

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Esquisse d'une sociologie. Par ÉMILE WAXWEILER, Directeur de l'Institut de Sociologie (Bruxelles), Professor à l'Université de Bruxelles. Bruxelles: Misch et Thron. Pp. 306. Fr. 12.

The professional sociologists ought not to overlook this outline. The author is mistaken in his judgment that there has been no progress in sociology, and that it is an exceptional service to the science for him to come to the rescue. There have been so many different contributions to sociology in the last dozen years that no single mind can fairly grasp their total significance. This by no means removes the fact that the science is in its infancy. The tone of Professor Waxweiler's preface, however, is needlessly patronizing toward the scholars who have contributed to the progress of sociology. The absence of caution in estimating the work of other scholars leads to the suspicion that the writer's acquaintance with the literature of his subject is limited. This impression is strengthened by such facts as the following: The title of the last chapter of the outline is "Les synergies sociales." The only reference that I can discover in the book to the name of Lester F. Ward is in a cita-